

The Semi-Weekly Messenger.

VOL XLI NO. 36

WILMINGTON, N. C. NOVEMBER 19, 1907

\$1.00 PER YEAR

NEW STAR TO FLAG

Indian Territory and Oklahoma
Admitted to Union

"OKLAHOMA IS A STATE,"

Exclaimed President as He Signed
Proclamation

Used Pen Quill Plucked From Wing
of American Eagle—Event Celebrated
in the Two Territories by Installation
of Governor Haskell, Parade
and Barbecue.

Washington, November 16.—A new
star was added to the American flag
today by the admission formally into
the union of the state of Oklahoma.

President Roosevelt at 10:16 o'clock
this morning signed the proclamation
admitting the territories of Oklahoma
and Indian Territory jointly as one of
the American states. Little formally
attended the ceremony, which meant so
much to the people of the two ter-
ritories.

It was exactly 10:16 o'clock when
Secretary Loeb threw open the double
doors leading from the president's
office. He had the proclamation in
his hand which he laid on the large
square blotter at the president's position
at the head of the cabinet table.
The president entered and took his
seat at once, was handed the long
eagle quill pen by the secretary, him-
self lifting the lid from the ink stand
dipped the pen and wrote his name in
large letters, the pen making an aud-
ible scratch with each movement.
When he had finished his signature
the president picked up a small blot-
ter with which he blotted his name
and then looking up, exclaimed:

"Oklahoma is a state."
At this instant Albert Hammer, of
Enid, Oklahoma, a clerk in the land
office, stepped forward and asked:

"Mr. President, may I have that
blotter?"

The president picked up the small
blotter and handed it to Mr. Hammer
with the remark: "There were more
requests for me to use particular pens
than there are letters in my name."

After the signing of the proclama-
tion which made Oklahoma a state it
was transmitted to the state depart-
ment where the signature of the presi-
dent was duly attested and the docu-
ment then filed in the archives of that
department.

Guthrie O. T., November 16.—The
admission of Oklahoma to statehood
today was marked by jubilation
throughout the two territories; by
the installation of Governor Charles
N. Haskell and by a parade and bar-
becue in Guthrie.

Governor Haskell's address was ve-
hement. He denounced "combinations
that have fattened by unrestricted
robbery of our people," declared in
favor of prison sentences for offending
corporation officers and announced
that the liquor prohibition law would
be rigidly enforced.

The governor's first official act was
to order the county attorney at Bar-
lets to take steps to prevent the
Standard Oil company from complet-
ing a natural gas pipe line across the
border to Kansas, it being the policy
of Oklahoma to prevent the exportation
of gas.

There being a legal question as to
the hour when prohibition took ef-
fect, whether at noon or midnight
Governor Haskell ordered that saloons
be permitted to remain open until
midnight.

Retiring officers of Oklahoma terri-
tory took no part in today's cere-
monies.

CELEBRATED VICTORY

Cadets of A. and M. College Parade
Through City
(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 16.—A
member of the supreme court said to-
night that it was giving special at-
tention just now to the question of
penalties upon public service corpora-
tion in order to see whether these
were constitutional or not.

The corps of cadets of the Agricul-
tural and Mechanical college marched
through Raleigh tonight, celebrating
the football victory of six to nothing
over Davidson college. They called on
Governor Glenn at the executive man-
sion. He congratulated them on their
record this season of winning all
games played and of having only one
team score against them, and said if
the Thanksgiving game at Norfolk
was won and with it the state cham-
pionship the shouting would be heard
nearly to New York.

NEWS LETTER FROM RALEIGH

Street Railway to Extend System.
Revival Services Close—New Regu-
lations to Protest Game.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Raleigh, N. C., November 16.—
Since the work of laying the double
track on Fayetteville street for the
street railway has gotten under way
in connection with the general scheme
for extending the system more than
five miles into important sections of
the city, a considerable agitation has
started against putting down the Bel-
gian blocks again and the sub-
stitution of vitrified brick or other less
noisy paving. The matter will prob-
ably be settled Monday night when
the aldermen will be in session for
the purpose of perfecting the details
for the election of prohibition or dis-
pensary which has been called for De-
cember 26.

The revival services conducted the
past two weeks at the First Baptist
church, in which Pastor W. C. Tyree
was assisted by Rev. W. H. Lunsford,
of Asheville, closed last night with in-
terest at a high point, there having
been four professions after the closing
sermon. The meetings have resulted
in twenty-five professions at the church
and the morning services that were
conducted in the chapel of the Baptist
University for women resulted in pro-
fessions being made by practically ev-
ery young lady who was not already
a church member. A very successful
revival is in progress at West Raleigh
church by Rev. P. C. Kilson.

Henry Johnson, the negro who was
serving seven years in the penitentiary
from Sampson county and managed to
escape early in the week was rearrested
at Hahfield yesterday and has been
returned to the prison authorities.

It looks now like the plans that were
a-foot for having a Raleigh day at
the Jamestown exposition late in the
present month will not materialize. In
fact, Mayor Johnson has about decid-
ed to call off the movement in that
direction owing to the lateness in the
season and the probability that real
cold weather will have come upon this
section in that time.

Commissioner S. L. Patterson, State
Chemist B. W. Kilgore and State Vet-
erinary Butler of the state depart-
ment of agriculture will leave Mon-
day for Columbia S. C., to attend the
annual session of the association of
commissioners of agriculture for the
southern states in progress there next
week.

The cotton oil people say that though
the quality of the seed this season is
very far superior to that last season
when so much damage was done by the
rains and breezes, yet the seed this
season are not yielding nearly so much
oil as last year and they attribute
this to the very dry weather which has
prevailed since the summer. The quan-
tity of seed has been quite fair.

A gentleman who has just returned
from the North Carolina Sounds
says that a new regulation has been
made this year which will put out of
business those pot hunters who are
known as "fire fighters" who have been
slaying ducks at night, using torches
in their boats. Now when anything
is seen about a boat showing that it
is being used for this sort of work,
it is prima facie evidence that the own-
er is violating this law. In other
words it is just about like a man hav-
ing a United States revenue license to
sell whiskey, being evidence that he
is selling it.

Speaking about this revenue mat-
ter, some of the revenue officers seem
to have an idea that the state super-
ior court has decided in a case from New-
bern, that this state law did not hold.
This is a mistake as no such opinion
has been given.

NEW POSTOFFICE ORDERS

Changes in Regard to Special Request
Envelope.

A new order, of recent date, has
been made by the postoffice depart-
ment in regard to special request en-
velopes. In ordering printed envel-
opes from the postoffice department it
will be necessary in the future for the
purchaser to deposit at the time of
placing the order only the amount of
the cost of the envelopes, the postage
being collected on delivery of the
envelopes.

For example in an order for 1,000
No. 5 envelopes, with 2c stamps, the
postoffice heretofore has collected
\$21.24, the amount of envelopes and
postage. Hereafter only \$1.24 will be
collected when the order is given and
the balance to be paid when the
envelopes are delivered.

This action was probably based on
the delay in getting the envelopes,
such as has been experienced recently.

Another order of interest is that
post cards and cards mailed under
cover of sealed envelopes will be
chargeable with postage at the first
class rate. If the envelope is unsealed
it will be subject to postage accord-
ing to the character of the message, at
the first class rate if wholly or partly
in writing or third class if in print,
and the postage must be affixed.

PRINCETON LOSES TO YALE

Defeated By Score of 12 to 10 In
Football Game

Game Witnessed By 34,000 People—A
and M. College Beats Davidson 6 to
0—Other Games.

New Haven, Conn., Nov. 16.—The
Yale Bull Dog won over the Prince-
ton Tiger on the football field this
afternoon with a score of 12 to 10.
Thirty-four thousand football enthu-
siasts saw the hardest fought game of
the year, the result being in doubt
until the referee's whistle blew the
final time.

For the first time since 1905 the or-
ange and black crossed the goal line
of the blue and aided by the toe of
Harlan added the score of a field goal
to her touchdown and goal.

It was 10 to 0 against Yale at one
state but Yale grit came to her res-
cue and good generalship found holes
in the weakened Princeton line in the
second half.

Georgetown 6; Virginia 28.
Cornell 18; Swarthmore 0.
Navy 6; Pennsylvania state 4.
University of Pennsylvania, fresh-
men, 10; Tome Institute 0.
Williams 26; Amherst 6.
West Point 21, Tufts 0.
William and Mary 12; Randolph

Vanderbilt 54; Georgia Techs 0.
Mercer 5; Gordon 6.
Alabama 6; Auburn 6.
Texas A and M. College 17; Tulane

A. and M. College 6; Davidson Col-
lege 0.
South Carolina 14; Charleston Col-
lege 4.
Virginia P. I. 34; George Washing-
ton 0.

THE SUSPENDED BANKS

Evidence Found of Over Loans and
Criminal Liability.

New York, Nov. 16.—In securing to-
day the appointment of receivers for
three banks and three trust compan-
ies in New York and Brooklyn which
recently suspended payment, State At-
torney General Jackson declared that
in the Borough Bank of Brooklyn,
and in the Jenkins Trust Company
evidence had been found of illegal over-
loans and of civil and criminal liabil-
ity.

In the case of the Borough Bank Mr.
Jackson stated that there is evidence
also of over drafts, forged paper and
other criminal transactions, all of
which will be presented to the grand
jury.

In the Jenkins Trust Company the
attorney general declares the records
show overloans to the president, John
G. Jenkins, Jr., aggregating \$557,000.

The applications for receivers were
made to Justice Betta of the supreme
court at Kingston, N. Y., and were
based upon affidavits of Clerk Wil-
liams, superintendent of banking.
Mr. Jackson said today that he will
still continue to cooperate in all efforts
to rehabilitate the banks now in the
hands of the temporary receivers.

The investigation thus far has been
confined to the Borough bank of Brook-
lyn and the Jenkins Trust Company.
Attorneys for the Brooklyn bank is-
sued a statement this afternoon in
which they declared that the Brook-
lyn bank and the International trust
company have assets of \$50,000 in ex-
cess of the amount owed depositors;
that they expect soon to complete ar-
rangements with depositors to accept
certificates of deposit in part payment
of their claims; and that they hope
to avert a permanent receivership.

RESULTS NOT OBTAINABLE

Financial Situation Discussed at Con-
ference at White House.

Washington, November 16.—The fi-
nancial situation formed the topic of
an important conference at the White
House tonight, those participating in
addition to the president, being Sec-
retaries Cortelyou and Root, and Post-
master General Meyer. No statement
was obtainable as to the result.

Later Secretary Cortelyou returned
to the White House alone and remain-
ed with the president a half an hour
when the financial subject was fur-
ther discussed. Secretary Cortelyou
after leaving the White House at 11
o'clock went to the treasury depart-
ment. Secretary Garfield and Sec-
retary Loeb also were with the presi-
dent a portion of the evening.

Kills Daughter. Kills Himself

Santa Cruz, Cal., Nov. 16.—Major
Frank McLaughlin, prominent politi-
cian and capitalist today shot his
daughter, Agnes, in the temple, the
bullet coming out of the other side
of her head. Soon after he committed
suicide.

The girl is still alive but uncon-
scious. No hope is entertained for
her recovery.

PROF. UNDERWOOD ATTEMPTS TO

Kill Family

Seized Knife From Table and Cuts His
Wife's Throat—Attempts to Stab
Daughter—Commits Suicide by
Cutting His Own Throat.

Redding, Conn., Nov. 16.—Crazed
temporarily as the result of financial
losses during the last month or two
Lucian F. Underwood, professor of bot-
any at Columbia University, New York,
this afternoon attempted to kill his en-
tire family and after cutting his wife's
throat ended his own life by stabbing
himself under the right ear.

Underwood returned from New York
on Tuesday and complained of not
feeling well and, it is said, acted
strangely.

This afternoon while his wife and
daughter were in the dining room he
took a knife from the table and rushed
at his wife. He drew the knife
across her throat and then ran over
to where his daughter sat, making an
attack upon her.

Mrs. Underwood struck the profes-
sor's arm as he was about to stab his
daughter. Going into another room
the doctor cut his throat and when
physicians arrived at the house he was
dead.

Mrs. Underwood and her daughter
went to the home of Frank E. Ewing
where Mrs. Underwood's wounds
were dressed. She will recover. The
daughter was not harmed.

Underwood has made his home here
for the last year and had been con-
nected with Columbia for eight years.
He was 45 years old.

PLANT SHUTS DOWN

Factory of Novelty Company Will Re-
main Idle Until January 1st.

Easton, Pa., November 16.—The
Furnessburg plant of the American
Novelty Company, was closed tonight
and will remain idle until the first of
next year. The company owns 32
plants throughout the United States
and it is given out that all will be
affected by the suspension. The factory
has been running overtime getting out
the Christmas orders.

Four pits at the Warren foundry in
Phillipsburg, Pa., were shut down and
will not resume work until next Tues-
day. The men will then work for four
days a week.

Twenty-five men were laid off today
by the Ingersoll-Rand-Drill Company,
running the number of hands suspen-
ded during the past few weeks far into
the hundreds.

The employees of the Andover Furn-
ace in Phillipsburg today suffered a
10 per cent. cut in wages.

Two hundred men at the Empire
Iron Works, Oxford, N. J., were noti-
fied of a 10 per cent reduction in pay.

FIRE IN NORFOLK

Furniture Company Suffers Loss of
\$85,000—Covered by Insurance.

Norfolk, Va., Nov. 16.—An estimat-
ed damage of \$85,000, practically all
insured, is the result of a fire which
guttered the two upper floors of a five
story building occupied by the Wilks
Smith Crall Furniture Company here
tonight and by the immense quantity of
water thrown into the structure. A
general alarm brought all the fire
fighting force of the city to action and
the fire was confined to the upper
floors.

The building faces two hundred feet
on Main street and three hundred feet
on Church street and was formerly the
old Purcell House, one of the early
hotels of Norfolk.

VERDICT CAUSED SURPRISE

Brother and Sister Convicted of Mur-
der in First Degree.

Hahnville, La., November 16.—Leon-
ardo Gebbia and his sister Nicolaia to-
day were declared guilty of murder in
the first degree for the death of
Walter Lamata, a New Orleans child
who was kidnapped and strangled
early last summer. The verdict creates
a queer sensation, as it condemns to
death two persons who were regard-
ed as minor participants in the kid-
napping while four others, whose
more direct connection had been
proved, escaped with life imprisonment.
A life sentence in Louisiana
means only fifteen years imprisonment
because good behavior allowance re-
duces the sentence. Except for an ap-
peal, the only hope for the Gebbias is
in commutation of the sentence.

Died of Paralysis

Lynchburg, Va., Nov. 16.—Judge
William Hogan Reid, aged 55 years,
formerly judge of a court at Tacoma,
Washington, died here today of pa-
ralysis. He had come here a short time
ago from Independence Va., to prac-
tice law and formerly resided at
Statesville, N. C.

Leprosy Found in City

New Orleans, Nov. 16.—A leper who
had escaped from the home for lepro-
sers near here was found in the city
today. He will be sent back to the
home.

FAYETTEVILLE NEWS LETTER

Pleasant Entertainment—Cumberland
Court Convened Monday—Death of
Prominent Citizen.

(Special to The Messenger.)

Fayetteville, Nov. 16.—One of the
pleasant entertainments of the fall
social season was the "phantom party"
given by Miss Jessie Crosswell,
in honor of her charming guests,
Misses Bailey, Moore and Hicks, of
Wilmington, and Miller of Asheville.
The hall and parlors of the beautiful
home of Capt. and Mrs. J. J. Crosswell
on Rowan street were elaborately and
tastefully decorated in autumn leaves
and woodland greens, spectrally light-
ed by pumpkin lanterns with quaint
devices. On the stage of this sylvan
grove, like Bottom and his goody
company in "Mid-Summer Night's
Dream" the merry guests disported
themselves as spooks, witches, for-
tune tellers and other outlandish
"spirits from the vasty deep," while
over the scene lights twinkled from
the heads of owls, bats, snakes, etc.
The characterizations were excellent,
and, with the facial blunders, afford-
ed much amusement. After the play
the ghostly company showed them-
selves very humanly athirst around
the delightful fountain of the punch
bowl in the hall; and about the hos-
pitable board in the supper room they
demonstrated with industrious knife
and fork that they "had a stomach to
this light." Miss Crosswell's party was
universally voted "just too lovely for
anything."

Cumberland Superior court for one
week, criminal docket only, convenes
on Monday, Judge Jones on the bench
and N. A. Sinclair, solicitor.

The funeral services took place
today over the remains of Mrs. George
Powell, who died yesterday at her
home on Massay's Hill. She was be-
fore marriage Miss Baxby of Robeson
county, and she leaves a husband and
one child.

Mr. James M. Pearce died at Raleigh
last night and his remains will be
brought here this afternoon, the
funeral services taking place from St.
John's Episcopal church tomorrow.
The deceased was a prominent citi-
zen of Cumberland county, a son of the
late John Wesley Pearce, and was the
owner of Bordeaux Vineyard, besides
being an extensive trucker. He was a
man of fine character and leaves a
large family.

\$12,500,000 GOLD.

The Mauretania Carries Largest Con-
signment of Gold Ever Transported
by One Vessel.

Liverpool, Nov. 16.—The departure
today of the Cunard steamship Mau-
retania on her first trans-Atlantic
voyage inspired the mighty crowd
that had assembled to a degree of
enthusiasm equal to that shown
when her sister ship the Lusitania,
sailed away from Liverpool on her
first voyage a few months ago. The
consignment of gold carried by the
Mauretania is believed to be the
largest ever transported on one ves-
sel.

It was conveyed to the steamer on
six cars, which were especially
guarded, and amounts to 2,500,000
pounds sterling.

Company Gives Better Service.

Louisville, Ky., Nov. 16.—The Louis-
ville Railway company was able to-
day to give an increased service on
all its lines, despite the assertion of
the men who struck yesterday, that
they had won over a large number
of the strike breakers.

A fair schedule was maintained on
the principal lines and the cars com-
ing down town carried many pas-
sengers.

The company also began the opera-
tion of one of the suburban lines.
One hundred and twenty-five additional
at strike breakers arrived today.

ENGINEERS WILL NOT STRIKE

Matters at Issue Will Be Settled by
Arbitration.

Augusta, Ga., November 16.—At a
meeting at 8:30 o'clock tonight in the
chamber of commerce rooms Assistant
Grand Chief Burgess representing the
engineers of the Georgia railway, and
Colonel T. K. Scott, general manager
of the road, after the latter's announce-
ment by letter of the reinstatement of
Engineer Blasingame, who had been
suspended, agreed to submit all their
differences to the committee of the
commercial body for arbitration and
abide by the decision of the commit-
tee.

TO CURTAIL OUTPUT

Too Much Timber Causes Suspension
of Part of Plant.

On account of unfavorable market
conditions existing at the present time
and because of the large stock now
on hand, a part of the Angola Lumber
Company has suspended operations and
the plant will be shut down. The plant
is still in full operation and the shut-
ting down was only of a small por-
tion of the plant, resulting in the
temporary discharge of about twenty
laborers.

ORGANIZED LABOR

Opposed to Government Own-
ership of Railroads

VOTED DOWN RESOLUTION

Contended That Ownership Would
Prevent Strikes

Opposition of Federal Government to
Labor Might Prove Its Death Blow.
Fight for Measure Led by Socialis-
tic Leader—Large Number of Reso-
lutions Adopted—Salaries of Officers
Increased.

Norfolk, Va., November 16.—The
American Federation of Labor, by a
vote of 154 to 56, today refused to
place itself on record as favoring the
government of railways and mines,
the question having come up on a reso-
lution offered by Herbert Crampton
of the Amalgamated Carpenters, to
amend the economic platform adopted
at Minneapolis last year so as to in-
clude railways and mines in the fa-
vorable action taken at that time on
the "Nationalization" of telegraph and
telephone properties.

The opponents took the ground that
government ownership of the mines and
railways would prevent all strikes, no
matter how peacefully they might be
conducted, and if the federal govern-
ment was opposed to labor it might
prove its death blow. Victor L. Berger
of Milwaukee, the socialist leader,
leader, led the fight for the endorse-
ment of government ownership. Dele-
gate Feeley, of Milwaukee declared
that the way to make the government
favorable to labor was by ballot and
that if this was properly used men "in
power, some of whose wives now give
dog and monkey dinners at Newport,"
would be succeeded by others who
might conduct affairs equally as well.
Another important action by the con-
gress, \$3,000 to \$5,000 per annum; the
event was the increasing of the sal-
ary of President Samuel Gompers from
Secretary Morrison from \$2,500 to \$4,
000 and of Treasurer Lennan from
\$300 to \$500.

Mr. Berger was the only one to op-
pose \$5,000 salary for President Gompers,
declaring that \$4,000 was enough
and that such a great increase might
injure the cause of labor.

The federation, with but few dis-
senting votes, placed itself on record
as favoring a system of government
postal savings banks and unanimously
adopted an appeal by the Porto Rican
delegates to President Roosevelt and
congress for reforms in that insular
possession with but one amendment,
accepted by the Porto Ricans, calling
for an immediate territorial form of
government for Porto Rico.

The federation also adopted resolu-
tions as follows:

Calling for employees injured on
government works, naval or otherwise
to be paid their wages for a period of
not more than six months and in case
of death, this to go to dependent re-
latives likewise.

Legalizing of Saturday half holidays
in July, August and September for all
persons employed on government
works.

Trying remedial legislation for
American seamen, preventing impris-
onment because of refusal to work
with non-unionists while in foreign
waters, etc.

Declaring in favor of primary elec-
tions, county municipal, state and na-
tional, and calling for the restriction
of the use of money in elections, with
publication of all party and campaign
expenses, rejecting provision for pay-
ment of primary election expenses by
states.

Rejecting the resolution forbidding
membership in local unions to unquali-
fied voters, but urging all to fully
qualify themselves for citizenship.

Referring to executive council for
full investigation and action a request
to inter-state commerce commission
to fully hear labor officials before
deciding the injunction against the in-
creased rates on forest products by the
Hill and Harriman railroads, and also
the proposition to prevent reciprocity
between the lumber interests of the
United States and Canada, involving
alleged clash between white Asiatic
labor.

The federation adjourned until
Monday, following an address on "La-
bor Legislation in Canada," by John
G. O'Donohue, of Toronto, represent-
ing Canadian trades and labor con-
gress.

A feature today was the appearance
of the British union jack with Ameri-
can colors as a compliment to the
British and Canadian delegates.

Mrs. Gompers was not in the hall
when President Gompers salary was
raised but waved her hands in thanks
to the delegates from the gallery as
she entered and was informed of the
action.

A motion that President VanCleave
of the manufacturers' association, now
fighting President Gompers, be inform-
ed of the salary increase went over.
Vice President O'Connell declaring the
Associated Press would in its newspa-
pers give Mr. VanCleave this informa-
tion.

Sunday's feature will be a great Vir-
ginia oyster roast on the Atlantic
ocean beach front, at Cape Henry.
One hundred barrels of oysters are on
hand ready for the roast.